



Performances at Grandparents Day. Tap, Kinder, 1/2A and Senior Dance

Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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From The Principal's Desk

We offer a huge congratulations to our wonderful Steel Band, that performed on Saturday 31st October at Bangor PS. Not only was their behaviour exemplary but their achievements have now brought many rewards and acknowledgments. Individuals and the band as a whole achieved nine awards including Most Disciplined Band.

Skelpan Award – Lofitu

Musical Excellence – Anastasia M

Outstanding Player – Natalie C, Penelope R, Fazaard P

High Achievement - Jayda F, Liam D, Stewart H.



Our Grandparents Day was very popular with over 170 people attending. The student performances were well received with the Steel Band once again capturing everyone's imagination. Thank you to

all our grand friends who travelled from near and far to spend the morning with us. There was clearly a strong bond between the students and their grandparents. I have included several photos in this newsletter.

Staff changes

Most would be aware that Mrs Sando has taken up a position at State Office in Administration. This is again a secondment with the potential for extension. In the meantime, Mrs Ilias will relieve as the School Admin Manager.

Mrs Sheen will be on sick leave for the next couple of weeks. Miss Stratikopoulos will take the class while Mrs Sheen is on leave.

Miss Wood has also been on Leave. Mrs Lopez will continue to teach the class from Monday – Thursday.

Miss Wood will return to class on Tuesday 17.

Kinder Orientation

Our final Kindergarten Orientation for 2015 will be held tomorrow. Our new Kindies have been wonderful and we look forward to them joining our school next year.

Awards

Silver

Penelope R	Jacinta Z
Jarryd M	Alicia M
Aaliyah M	Stevan D
Rauna R	Dylan J
Natalie C	Tiarna M
David S	James C
Liam M	Marcus Z
Peta-lee C	Adam M
Ariella T	Jasmyne P
Salma K	

Gold

Penelope R	Ariella T
Salma K	Jasmyne P

Selective High School applications for 2017

Applications have been open for selective High School assessments since October. Applications close on November 16. If you are planning to have your child sit the Selective High School Test please complete the online application. Applications can only be made online through this website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The Selective High Schools test will be held on 10th March 2016.



BUS Passes 2016

A new process for bus passes will commence for students in 2016. The "School Opal Card" will replace the bus passes that students currently have. Most students who currently have a pass will receive their pass in 2016 through the school. However an application is needed for any students who:

- have not had a travel pass previously.
- are moving from Yr 2 into Yr 3
- are moving from Yr 6 into Yr 7
- or are changing address or schools.

How to apply:

Complete application at Transportnsw.info/school-students
Print and sign application then submit to school.

Who is eligible?

K-2 students - No minimum distance.
3-6 students - who live 1.6Km in a straight line or 2.3 km walking.
7-12 students - 2.0 km in a straight line or 2.9 km walking.

Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 will be holding their annual fun day on Wednesday 25th November. This is a day where activities and food have been organised by the year 6 students to fundraise for a gift to the school. Stalls will range in cost from 20 cents to \$1.00. The session is about having fun.

The day will be a mufti day for students who bring a gold coin donation. All students still need enclosed shoes, school hat and sensible clothing.

Further information about the day will be coming home soon.

Watch Our Steel Band Perform at the Children's Panorama 2015
Go to Youtube and Type in Penshurst Panjammers 2015
or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEccYNyAHM4>



Primary Ethics Classes

At Penshurst West

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes, and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don't attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 76 topics, starting with *Questions and Puzzlement*, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Teachers

In 2015, we have had three trained teachers at Penshurst West teaching children from Kindy to Yr 4. One of our teachers is standing down next year, and we need at least one more volunteer teacher to meet the expected demand for ethics classes in 2016.

For information about Primary Ethics, our curriculum, and how you can become involved as a teacher, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the school's ethics coordinator, Natasha Russell, on 0412 276 874.

If you are interested in your child attending ethics classes next year, please send a signed note to the school office requesting this.



Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2015 Week 6 Term 4	9/11 Grand-Friends Day	10/11 P&C 7pm	11/11 Kinder Orientation 9.45 – 11.30		PSSA Sport
2015 Week 7 Term 4					PSSA Sport
2015 Week 8 Term 4			25/11 Year 6 Fun Day		PSSA Sport
2015 Week 9 Term 4			2/12 Recognition Assembly	3/12 Final Scripture & Ethics lessons. Volunteer's morning tea 11.30 am	
2015 Week 10 Term 4	7/12 Year 6 Farewell Club Rivers	8/12 10.00am Presentation Day ----- 5.30-7.30pm P&C Disco		10/12 Picnic Day K-2 Funarama Yr. 3-6 Hurstville Leisure Centre	
2015 Week 11 Term 4			16/12 Last day for students	17/12 Staff Development Day	18/12 Staff Development Day
	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
2016 Week 1 Term 1		Australia Day 26 th Jan	27/1/16 Staff Development Day	28/1/16 First Day of Students Best Start assessment commences	29/1/16 Best Start assessment continues
2016 Week 2 Term 1	1/2				
2016 Week 3 Term 1	8/2	P&C Annual General Meeting			
2016 Week 4 Term 1	15/2				
2016 Week 5 Term 1	22/2			22/2/16 Interrelate 6.00 Where did I come from 7.15 Preparing for Puberty	
2016 Week 6 Term 1	29/2				

Like us on Facebook

We now have an official Facebook page administered by the school, authorised by the Department of Education. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/PenshurstWestPublicSchool> or by looking for our page name: Penshurst West Public School - NSW DEC.



FITNESS KARATE & *Flexercise*

Welcome to F K F

We sincerely believe that every person should be trained both mentally and physically in order to achieve a well balanced lifestyle and fitness level.

We are a not-for-profit group who do our best to promote fitness within the community.

FITNESS KARATE

Group Exercises in Karate & Self Defence,
with the focus primarily on Fitness

Tuesday & Friday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm



FITNESS *Flexercise*

Exercises to improve overall Flexibility &
Muscle Tone

Monday & Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm



Training is held at the Penshurst West Public School hall,
corner Scott Street & Forest Road, Mortdale NSW 2223

Interested? Then contact **ROBERTO** on
0458 207 991 or robertofkf@bigpond.com



School Fete & Christmas Fair

Saturday, 14 November, 2015
9am-3pm

Peakhurst West Public School
Cnr Belmore Rd & Henry Lawson Drive

RIDES ★ MARKET STALLS ★ CRAFT ★ BBQ ★ ICE CREAM
COLD DRINKS ★ CAKES ★ TRASH N TREASURE ★ AMUSEMENTS
RAFFLES ★ SANTA PHOTOS 11am-12pm ★ PERFORMANCES



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